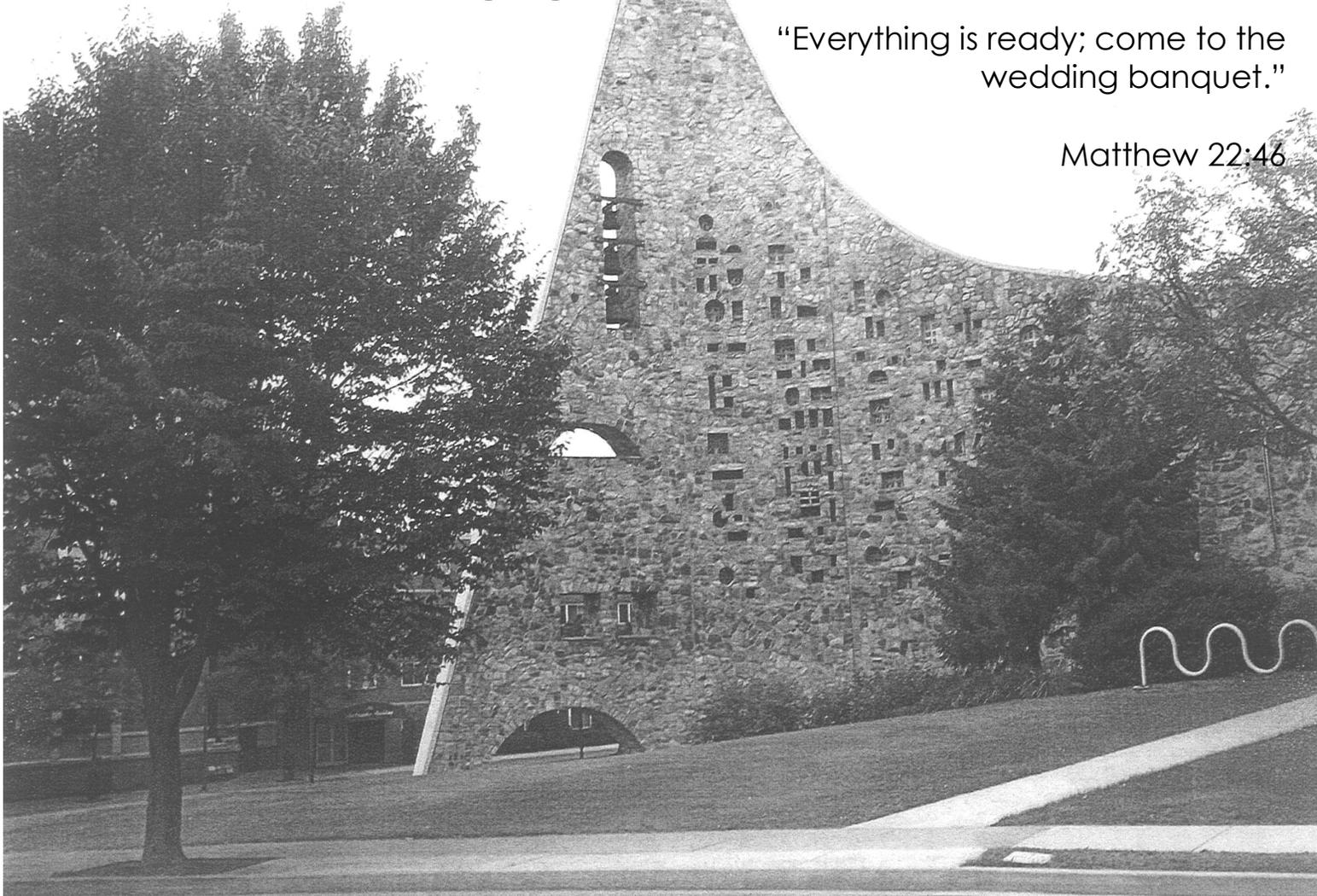


Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A congregation of the ELCA

"Everything is ready; come to the
wedding banquet."

Matthew 22:46



SUNDAY, Oct. 11, 2020
19th Sunday after Pentecost

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Our Mission Statement: *"Grace Lutheran Church is energized by the Holy Spirit and nurtured through God's Word and Sacrament to **gather, feed, and send** people in the name of Jesus Christ."*

ABOUT TODAY'S THEME...In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

ABOUT THE LESSONS.... **The First Lesson:** After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation. **The Second Lesson:** Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful. **The Gospel Lesson:** Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

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**Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church
State College, Pennsylvania**

PRELUDE

(8:30) *O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*.....T.J. Williams/ arr. Gail Smith

(10:30) *I Am The Bread of Life*.....Suzanne Todan/ arr. W.H. Dietterick

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel/Sit

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHER

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GATHERING HYMN *As We Gather at Your Table*.....ELW # 522

As We Gather at Your Table

1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

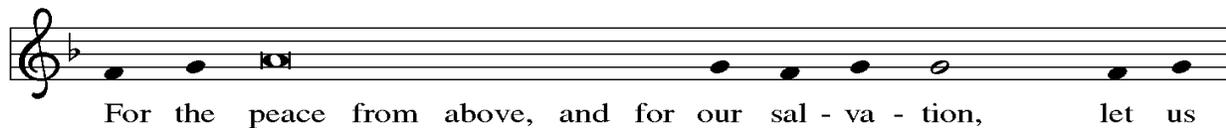
C: And also with you.

KYRIE

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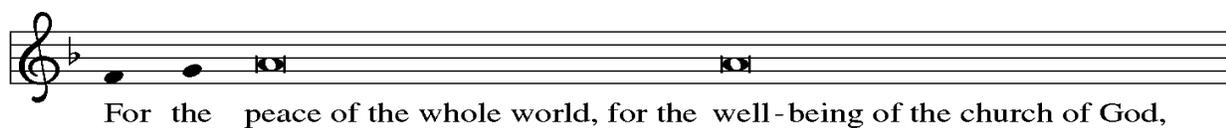
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



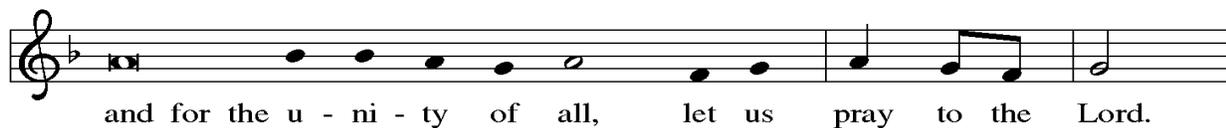
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



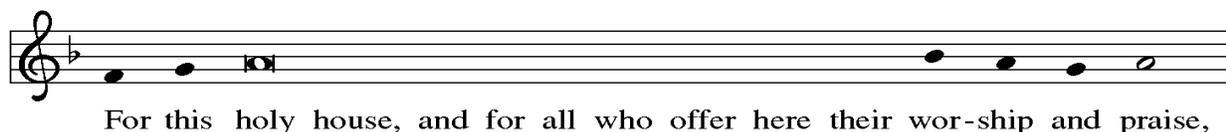
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



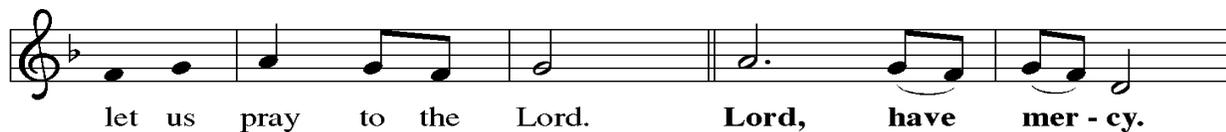
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



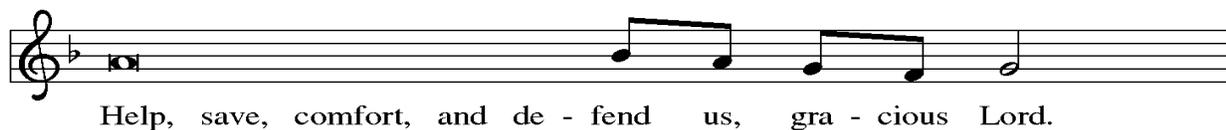
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray

C: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FEED

*God speaks to us in scripture reading,
and feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON.....Isaiah 25:1-9

¹O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

PSALM 23 Please sing responsively by selected verses



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P: The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

C: **The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

P: You restore my | soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

C: **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall | fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

C: **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.**

SECOND LESSON.....Philippians 4:1-9

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

(10:30) DISCUSSION OF THE LESSONS

HOLY GOSPEL.....Matthew 22:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 22nd chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

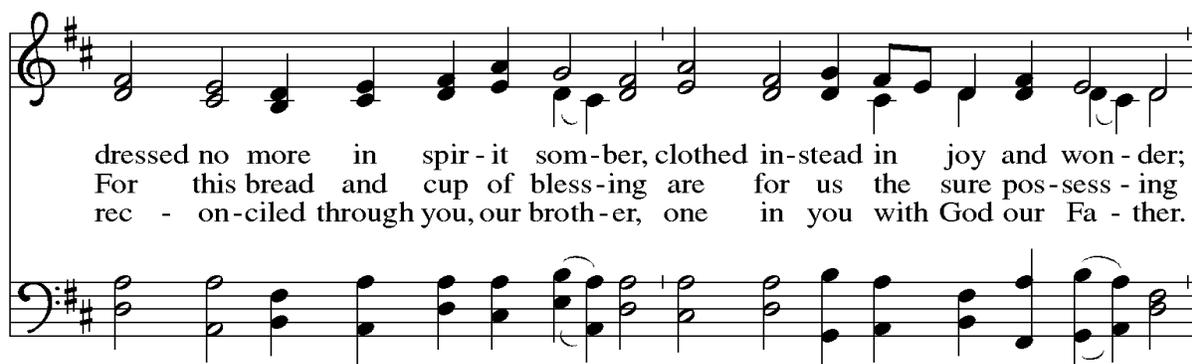
SERMON.....Pastor Schul

HYMN OF THE DAY *Now We Join in Celebration*.....ELW # 462

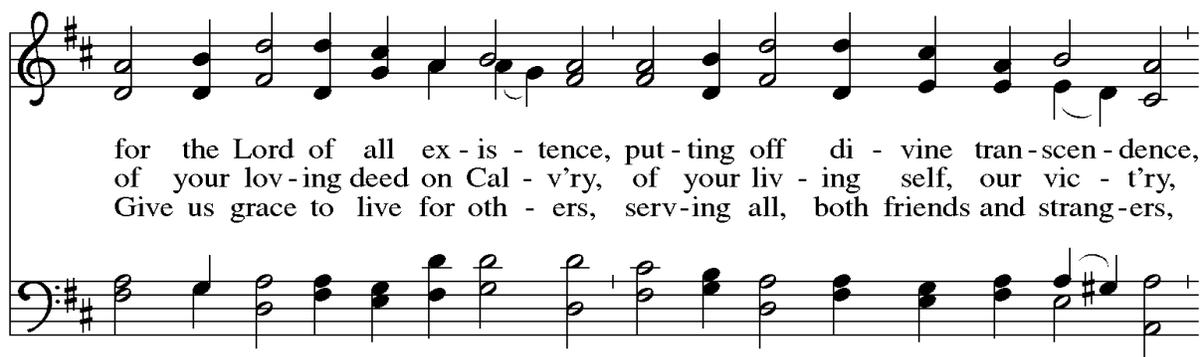
Now We Join in Celebration



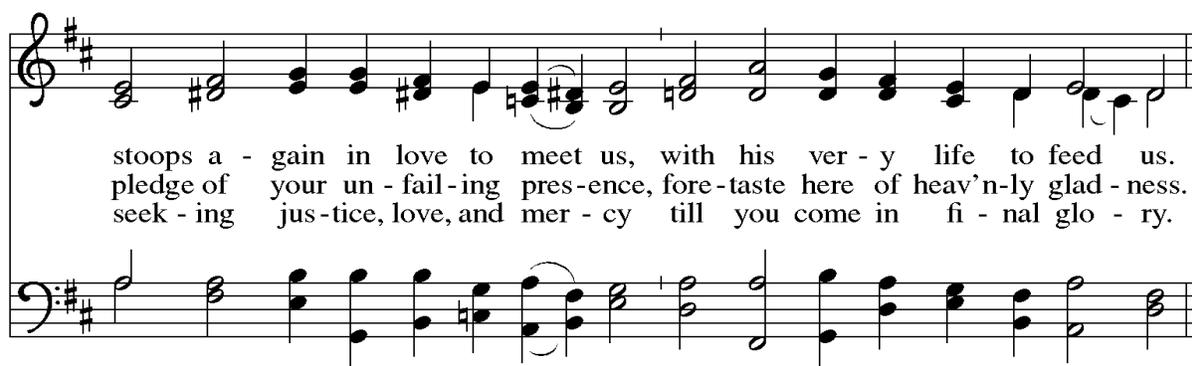
1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

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APOSTLES' CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and
was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will
come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response after each petition:

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

WE SHARE THE LORD'S PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(8:30) OFFERTORY MUSIC

Impromptu on Penitentia.....Hugh S, Livingston Jr.

*During the offertory, take a moment to thank God for all that
God has provided to you. Ask God to reveal how God is
calling you to share your time, treasures, and talents.*

(8:30 & 10:30) OFFERING PRAYER

**P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness
you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our
possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the
world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

C: Amen.

(10:30) REFER TO PAGE 15

P The Lord be with you. C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(8:30)P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(8:30) C:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(8:30)P: God of our weary years, God of silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness, you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become our cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

(8:30)For as often as we share in this meal we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

(8:30) P: Remembering therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

C: Amen.

(8:30)P: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this meal with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

C: Amen.

(8:30) P: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, rejoicing in the hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

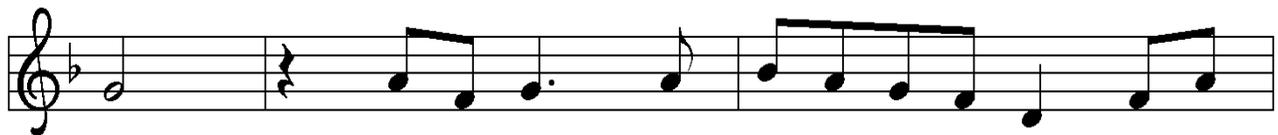
(8:30) **C:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

C:

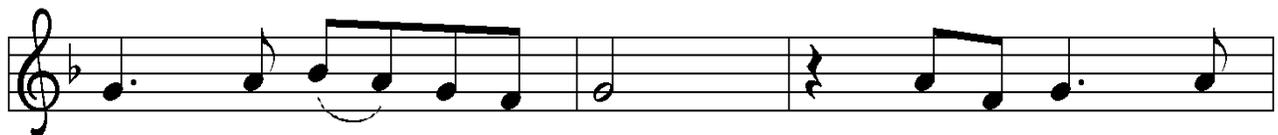
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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(8:30) **P:** The body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you.

You may now consume the communion wafer. During the communion music reflect upon how Christ has come to you in Holy Communion and the many ways Christ comes to you in the ordinary course of each day. Please take the wafer baggie home; it can be recycled.

(8:30) **COMMUNION MUSIC**

A Communion Melody.....Robert Lau

(8:30) **P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

(8:30) POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

(ELW # 207)

C:



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

(8:30) PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: P: We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

(10:30) A PRAYER WHILE WE ARE UNABLE TO CELEBRATE COMMUNION

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, thanks be to you for all your works and all your gifts. You called creation out of chaos, filled it with life and light, brought forth grain and vine, and set us as stewards over your good work.

You called Israel to be your particular treasure, comforting and correcting them in love. When exile took them from your temple, you did not abandon them, but accompanied them, blessing them with your Word, enlivening them with your Spirit, and consoling them with your promise of return.

When the time had fully come, you sent your Son to be our Immanuel. In the night in which he was handed over, he gave us a Meal to remind and sustain us, to give voice to our praise of you and, by your Spirit, to bring us to your eternal life of joy, peace, and service.

Even while unable to share that Meal together, we receive that life by remembering our Lord Jesus Christ: the isolation of his death; his burial in a borrowed tomb; the wonder of his resurrection; and his promise to be with us always. We remember his birth far from home, his ministry without a place to lay his head; his welcoming of the lonely and excluded; his healing and feeding; his walking, unrecognized, with his dispirited disciples; and his ascension to be present wherever your right hand is active.

Especially in this time of separation, send your Holy Spirit to connect us while we are scattered, to enliven our imagination for service; to proclaim your Gospel in new ways; and to revel in your unexpected blessings. May that Spirit be our companion and advocate until the day we gather once more around your Table, and until the Day when you gather us into your heavenly feast.

We thank you with our lives, holy, mighty, and immortal God, praying in your Spirit, through your Son, with your Church, trusting in your love which no distance of time, space, or mortality can diminish.

C: Amen.

(10:30) **C:Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

(8:30 & 10:30)

SEND

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give + you peace.

C: Amen.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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P: Go in peace; serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

(8:30) *O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing/Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praises*

Carol Tounaquist

(10:30) *Fugue in D Major*.....George F. Handel



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At Pastor Schul's invitation, Rev. Dr. Mark Oldenburg of United Lutheran Seminary wrote "A Prayer While we are Unable to Celebrate Communion" to remind us of the many ways Jesus Christ calls us, feeds us, and is present with us even when we are unable to receive Holy Communion. We are grateful to Rev. Dr. Oldenburg for his gracious permission to use this prayer as part of our liturgy and to reprint it in our bulletin.

PRAYER CONCERNS for Oct. 11, 2020

All Military & Nat'l Guard and all serving in war-torn countries
 Theresa Alves, friend of Brenda Kim
 Deb Baysinger's cousin
 Sylvia Belanger, mother of Joe Belanger
 Debbie Bolthouse
 Mary & Phil Bucher
 Dennis & Anna Carol Buffington upon the death of their daughter, Melanie Buffington
 Sandy Cassady
 Linda Cataldo, step-mother of Deb Stewart
 Denise Centini
 Nancy Chapa
 Scott Cocolin
 Carol Confer
 Cathy Cutter
 The Cutter family upon the death of Francis Poole Cutter, Les Cutter's grandmother
 William Davies
 Marie Dallery mother of Sharon Shurgalla
 Damaris Dougherty, daughter of Bob Hampton
 Eti Dvir, mother-in-law of Rachel Wolkenhauer
 Patrick Dugan, grandson of Paul & Kathryn Mackes
 Barbara & John Elliott, relatives of Laurel Sanders
 Steve Ellis

Craig Evanego
 Sue Forster & Ellis family upon the death of Sue's mother Eleanor Ellis
 Jane Gamble, sister-in-law of Holly Stoltzfus
 Vicki Garvin
 The family & friends of Michael Grego upon his death
 Marjorie Haller & family upon the death of Donna Siebenrock, Marjorie's mother
 Mary Ann Hanelly and family, friends of Betsy Will
 Shawn Hintosh
 Dick Houtz
 Bob Igoe
 Cindy Keith
 Kate Kempf, daughter of Pete And Angie Kempf & granddaughter of Merle & Kathy McCalips
 Paul & Sandy Larson
 Paul Lloyd, son of Pat Lloyd
 Wanetta Lohr
 Phil & Shirley Lucas
 Tom Lucas
 Paul Mackes
 Carol Major, friend of Brenda Palmgren
 Dennis McClure
 Danielle McHenry
 Kim Marsh
 Bob Miller, father of Julie Miller

Amy Nevling
 Dottie Niklos, mother of Bob Igoe
 Allison Peretin, friend of Elaine Ebeling
 Zach Pfeil, brother of Megan Widener
 Margie Prothro, sister of Ed Jenkins
 Sophia Reutzel
 Dottie Roberts
 Margaret Schrock, mother of Kathy Weimer
 Nancy Schuchert, mother of Joe Schuchert
 Ken Shultz
 William D. Snape Sr., brother of Phyllis Favorite
 Emily & Charlotte Spearly
 Jack Sylves and family and grandparents Tom and Marj Eakin
 Tom & Claudette, friends of Helen and Dick Brenneman
 Karen Tupman, cousin of Phyllis Favorite
 Brenda & Ken Walsh
 Greg Weimer
 Janet Zerbe

Members in the hospital



Prayer is a powerful gift and tool God gives to us. *Please pray for the request each day of the week during your daily prayer time. Just think how powerful it would be if all our members prayed for the same thing each day.*

Lord, help me hear your call to your holy banquet.
 Brush from my sight everything that might distract me.
 Give me eyes and a heart set solely on Jesus.

Worship Opportunities at Grace

Grace Lutheran now offers "Drive-In Worship" each Sunday morning at 8:30 am. This service is in addition to our live radio broadcast, which continues each Sunday morning at 10:30 am on WRSC 1390 AM and 93.3 FM, as well as our pre-recorded video worship services.

Pastors' weekly podcasts – We invite you to listen to Grace's new podcast, "A Pocketful of Grace," where Pastor Schul and Pastor Hetrick discuss and unpack the Sunday lessons. You can listen right away or download for later. Podcasts are available on our website or through Spotify, Tune In/Alexa, and iTunes. Wherever you go, make sure you



Wednesday Bible Study-

Beginning October 14th Pastor Hetrick will provide a three week study, "All Creation Sings," as we celebrate God's beautiful creation in Scripture, music and reflect upon our role as caretakers. A print study guide will be available on our website. Audio and video based recordings will be available on our website and on our Faith Formation website, www.glcfaithformation.org.

We have started to collect for Blanket Sunday which is October 25, 2020. If you would like to contribute to Blanket Sunday, here are the ways to donate: You can give your donation to the usher at the Drive-In service, mail your check to the church office and place on the memo line "Blanket Sunday" or if you would like a Blanket Sunday envelope please contact Sally Keiser-Bankert at (sallykb@verizon.net) and she will send you an envelope that can be mailed to the church.

Adult Forum

Sundays 9:30 to 10:30 am by ZOOM

Join Us
as your schedule allows and
topics are of interest!

Adult Forum meets virtually, **9:30 - 10:30 AM** (Please note the new time!) Contact Dotty Delafield for link to the virtual meeting: readooodles@mac.com

For the month of October, the Adult Forum will be reading the ELCA social statement, Caring for Creation. We will explore and discuss the Biblical background of our responsibilities for the earth. Intertwined will be the application of these Biblical principles with current climate science. You don't need to have been at earlier sessions to join us! **Please pop in as you are able for learning and conversation.**



So many of you have contributed to the Food Bank via *Grace*.
It's what we do, isn't it? It's our response to Jesus' love.
...COVID-19 goes on...**food insecurity continues**
We'll continue to support the **State College Food Bank** through a
monthly monetary donation.

Checks: 'Grace Lutheran Church' Donate via **Tithe.ly** at glcpa.org.
'food bank' in the memo line Click on the 'give'
205 S. Garner St. button at the
State College, PA 16801 top of the page.

Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?
Matt: 25:37

The October meeting of Garden of Readin' (women's book club) will be Tuesday, October 20 at 10:45 am remotely via Zoom. Please note the time change. The next book is *Next Year in Havana* by Chanel Cleeton The facilitator will be Janet Lybarger. Contact Laura Pauley (llp1@psu.edu) or Lois Lynn (loissteve@comcast.net) for more information.

Support Grace's Ministry: Grace's church building may be closed, but Christ's Church remains vibrantly open! Grace needs your continued financial support in order to fund all of our ministries. You may continue to mail your offerings to Grace. Tithe.ly also provides a secure way to provide your offering via any major credit card. Visit www.glcpa.org and click on the GIVE button at the top of the page. If you set up an account with **Tithe.ly** using your Visa, MasterCard, American Express, JCB, Discover, or Diners Club card, you can support our ministries even when you cannot be present. Finally, a form for Direct Debit giving (via your bank) is available on our website at <https://tinyurl.com/yx8andkj>; just mail it to **Grace Lutheran Church at 205 South Garner Street, State College, 16801**. That is the absolute best way to provide for the regular funding of all that we do here at Grace to the glory of God and the service of our neighbors. Thank you for your commitment to our ministries during this challenging time.

FLU SHOTS AT GRACE ARE CANCELLED

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, flu shots will **not** be given at the church this year. I would encourage everyone to get their flu shot. You are able to go to any Drug Store, Sam's Club or your own physician's office. You can get your flue shot now, it usually takes about 2 weeks for you to get the optimal effect and it should last through the flu season. Do not put off this important health protection. The last thing we need is Covid-19 and the seasonal Flu.

Butter Braid Pastries Fundraiser

Grace Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten is very excited to announce the upcoming fundraising event! For those of you that are familiar with **Butter Braid® pastries** – you'll be glad to know that they're back! For those of you that are not familiar with Butter Braid® pastries – you'll wonder how you ever lived without them. Please visit www.freckledmoose.com for more information on these incredible filled pastries. Freckled Moose Fundraising is the company that carries Butter Braid pastries. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go to support the GLPK General Fund that provides support for tuition assistance and unbudgeted needs. Our school makes \$5.25 per each \$13 pastry sold. Feel free to contact Dawn (dvandenheuvel@glcpa.org or 238-8110) with any questions and to make an order.

Important Details To Remember! Fundraiser Starts: October 1st

Orders via email or phone to Dawn are due by October 16th

(call 238-8110 OR email dvandenheuvel@glcpa.org)

Delivery date: November 4th between 12:30 and 2:30 pm. Please call 238-8110 when you arrive for pick-up. We will meet you at the Preschool Entrance door with your order.

State College Virtual CROP Hunger Walk Oct. 11-17-2020

The 37th State College CROP Walk will be virtual for everyone's safety.

Our Virtual Walk kicks off on **TODAY**.

Register at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/statecollegepa/>
or visit the S.C. CROP Hunger Walk Facebook page.

Donations of cash and checks may be dropped off at the State College Food Bank 1321 S. Atherton Street on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays from 9:00 am to noon.

Donations may also be mailed to our Treasurer - Carla Rossi 262 Woodland Dr. State College, PA 16803 (** Please consider converting any cash contributions to a check before dropping off collections. **Please do not mail cash, if mailing donations, please send only checks.**)

All donations need to be made by October 30, 2020

***Last year we raised almost \$20,000. In the 34 years of this walk we have raised over \$620,000! This is helping our friends and neighbors, as well as people we have not had the opportunity to yet meet. ***

Word in Season devotional booklets available – If you would like to receive a copy of the Word in Season devotional booklets for October, November and December, you can pick up a copy in a basket on the waiting area bench inside the main entrance at Grace. Alternatively, Sally Keiser-Bankert will be happy to mail you a copy upon request. Please contact her via email at sal-lykb@verizon.net.

Masks Needed

Centre Volunteers in Medicine is in need of homemade masks. Solid and/or masculine are especially needed. If you can help, please contact Cheryl White at cwhite@cvim.net or 814-231-4043.



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Healthy Harvest Speakers Series

ALSM is excited to share with you our virtual Health Harvest Speakers Series that will feature a variety of guest presenters sharing information on nutrition, safety, and overall well-being.

October 13th – 2:00 p.m. Healthy Fall Recipes.

Presented by Kristine Scanlan, Registered Dietician from CURA Hospitality.

October 21st – 2:00 p.m. Spiritual Wellness during COVID -19.

Presented by The Rev. Elisa Osman, Chaplain, The Oaks at Pleasant Gap.

October 27th – 2:00 p.m. What Can I Control or Predict?

Managing the Loss of Routine. Presented by Dr. Bob Skelly, Psychologist/ Program Director SpiriTrust Lutheran Counseling Services

To register, please contact Andrea Schurr at andrea.schurr@alsm.org or 814.696.4516. Prior to the presentation, you will receive your log-in information for the virtual session.

We look forward to “seeing” you soon!



Faith 5™



SHARE

a “high” and a “low” – what's been the best part of your day, and what's been the hardest part of your day.



READ

from God's Word. A Scripture verse or story will be provided and read by the glow of the fire.



TALK

about the meaning of God's living Word and how it speaks to your life – maybe even your highs and lows – at this time.



PRAY

with and for one another and the world, lifting one another in prayer and praising the God of life and love.



BLESS

with simple words and a cross traced upon each others' foreheads, we remind one another that we belong to the living God.

OCTOBER 11, 2020
NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



God's grace makes a difference in our lives.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 22:1-14	Parable of the wedding feast
Monday	Isaiah 25:1-9	A prayer of thanks to God
Tuesday	Philippians 4:1-9	Paul encourages his co-workers
Wednesday	Exodus 32:1-14	The people make an idol
Thursday	Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23	A nation asks for forgiveness
Friday	Matthew 5:1-11	The Beatitudes
Saturday	Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Sunday	Matthew 22:15-22	The question of paying taxes

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Finally beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Philippians 4:8 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, guide our thoughts and actions in ways that reflect your reign of goodness and mercy through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you who promise us a feast of rich food, help us to take joy in this meal today. Amen. (Isaiah 25:6)

A Blessing to Give:

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Just As I Am, without
One Plea*



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Talk or think about a time you went to a party filled with friends, food, and laughter.
- Would you invite someone off the street who you do not know to a party? Why or why not?
- God's love in the Bible is seen sometimes as an invitation to a great party or feast. What does this say about God?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 22:1-14.

It is said we can have our own opinions, but not our own facts. Similarly, you can have your own message, but not your own Christian gospel. Matthew makes it clear that the good news of Jesus is powerful. God's mercy has the last word; it includes a divine judgment that says that the marginalized, the belittled, the "poor in spirit" (Matthew 5:3) will be blessed (v. 10). If we take the grace of God for granted, we not only miss the feast, we miss the fact that "many are called, but few are chosen" (v. 14). This text is from Jesus' final week before his crucifixion. The people see him as a prophet, a true messenger of God (Matthew 21:46), but soon he will suffer, be humiliated, and die. There will be false prophets who come along. They are like the guest who is not wearing the proper clothing and their message will be rejected. Our life in Christ will not be associated with messages and actions of hate, racism, prejudice or contempt for the poor. God's grace makes a difference in our lives and in the world in which we live. How does God's grace challenge your thoughts and actions toward people who are different from you?

Pray: God of grace and mercy, cleanse us of our way of life that can become indifferent to the people you love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

There is a theme this week about feasts and hospitality. Hospitality is receiving and treating guests and strangers in a warm, kind, and generous way. Think about what it means to show hospitality. Invite someone you may not know very well to your house for a meal.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Psalms 23 is one of the most well-known scriptures in the Bible. This psalm is the shepherd David's song to God. David likens how a shepherd cares for sheep to how God loves each one of us. Write a list of ways a shepherd cares for sheep. Look at your list and think about God caring for you in these ways. Pray: Lord, thank you for caring for me and leading me with love. Amen.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org